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## FIRST DIVISION MATCHES & TEAMS

**Saturday, August 24**

**ADAMSTOWN**

White with Red & Green

1. B. HALLAM
2. W. MADDISON
3. J. McINALLY
4. A. BRADY
5. J. EASTON
6. J. POWER
7. M. HAMILTON
8. T. NOLAN
9. A. SIMMONDS
10. R. HOWELLS
11. R. DOBBINS

Referee : A. Roberts Linesmen : C. Jack, H. Lonsdale

**CESSNOCK**

Gold with Black

1. J. ROBERTS
2. J. JARVIE
3. R. JACKSON
4. P. NELLIES
5. C. ALMOND
6. T. SNEDDON
7. B. WILLIAMS
8. J. LENNARD
9. M. WILLOUGHBY
10. J. BARR
11. A. JOHNS

Referee : W. Turner Linesmen : R. Noble, W. Jones

### FIRST DIVISION POINT SCORE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
AWABA	17	8	4	5	37	31	21
WALLSEND	17	7	4	6	50	33	20
WEST WALLSEND	17	8	5	4	39	38	20
LAKE MACQUARIE	17	6	6	5	30	25	17
ADAMSTOWN	16	7	7	3	36	36	17
NEW AUSTRALS at	17	4	5	8	27	25	16
CARDIFF, the winning	17	7	8	2	29	32	16
CESSNOCK	17	6	7	4	33	37	16
MAITLAND	17	5	8	4	24	39	14
MEREWETHER	17	5	9	3	34	44	13

<b>ALLIANCE LEAGUE</b>		<b>SECOND DIVISION</b>	
WALLSEND	32	MAYFIELD	32
LAKE MACQ.	30	JESMOND	31
AWABA	19	KEARSLEY	21
N'CLE. AUSTRAL	19	BEL-SWANSEA	21
CESSNOCK	17	SLAVIA UNITED	15
ADAMSTOWN	15	PAN HELLENIC	13
MEREWETHER	10	WESTON	13
MAITLAND	10	CHARLESTOWN	10
WEST WALLSEND	12	YOUNG WALLSEND	7
CARDIFF	8	CONCORDIA	5

<b>Leading Goalscorers</b>		<b>2ND. DIV. RESERVE</b>	
<b>In Premiership Series</b>			
15 goals,	B. Morrow (Wallsend), D. Schio (Cardiff); 13 goals, P. Goodwin (Merewether); 12 goals, J. Sheen (Lake Macquarie); 11 goals, K. Whitmore (Wallsend); 10 goals, E. Pringle (Wallsend), W. Green (West Wallsend), D. Ahrens (West Wallsend); 9 goals, K. Ross (Merewether), K. Grant (West Wallsend); 8 goals, M. Black (Cardiff); 7 goals, A. Johns (Cessnock), J. Barr (Cessnock), W. Collins (Wallsend), R. Knorr (Maitland), K. McGuiness (Awaba), I. Thomson (Maitland), B. Sharp (Awaba).	MAYFIELD	32
		BEL-SWANSEA	30
		KEARSLEY	26
		JESMOND	26
		SLAVIA UNITED	16
		CHARLESTOWN	14
		PAN HELLENIC	13
		YOUNG WALLSEND	10
		CONCORDIA	5
		WESTON	1

<b>THIRD DIVISION</b>	
KAHIBAH	31
DUDLEY-RED.	27
BELLBIRD	23
MACQ. WANDERERS	22
TORONTO DIGGERS	21
SOUTH WALLSEND	14
NELSON BAY	13
BARNESLEY	10
THE ENTRANCE	5
N'CLE. TECH.	4

**Sunday, August 25**

**WALLSEND**

Red with White

1. F. LLOYD
2. D. MCKENZIE
3. K. NOLAN
4. W. DAVIES
5. D. BULLEN
6. G. GREEN
7. W. COLLINS
8. B. MORROW
9. R. GILES
10. J. MORROW

Referee : W. Turner

**CARDIFF**

White with Blue

1. G. TAYLOR
2. A. HOWE
3. H. MOSS
4. R. FRAME
5. T. ICETON
6. C. MOORE
7. M. BLACK
8. D. SCHIO
9. V. VEJNOVIC
10. C. GLEESON
11. G. HEANEY

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# WEEKEND MATCHES TO DECIDE SEMI-FINALISTS POSITIONS STILL OBSCURE

With the final round of fixtures to be played this weekend the final premiership picture is still unsolved.

The only clear decision made so far is that Awaba, 21 points, Wallsend and West Wallsend on 20 points are definite semi-finalists.

Five other sides each have an opportunity to make the final four. Adamstown and Lake Macquarie on 17 pts. are most favoured but Newcastle Australs, Cessnock and Cardiff are all possibilities on 16 points.

It appears likely that fourth place could be decided on goal averages. Of the five sides, Lake Macquarie has the average 1.192, while Adamstown are on 1.028, Austral 1.08, Cardiff .906 and Cessnock .864.

Only one point separates Awaba from West Wallsend and Wallsend and here the goal averages are Awaba 1.2, Wallsend 1.515 and West Wallsend 1.026.

At the other end of the competition facing relegation to second division are Merewether on 13 points

average .897 and Maitland on 14 points, goal average .615 here again averages could determine positions.

## Saturday Match at Adamstown

In the first match of the weekend Adamstown, 17, will be at home to Cessnock, 16. On this match hangs the hopes of several other sides

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as semi-final prospects. Should Adamstown win then Cessnock, Cardiff and Austral will have no chance to make the final four even if the latter two record good wins on Sunday.

The Adamstown side appear as logical favourites for this match after their convincing win over West Wallsend, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle Australs and Wallsend in recent weeks. In each match they have played with perfect cohesion and have been superior at most times. Cessnock has not been as impressive in the same period. They have defeated Wallsend, drawn with Australs and been defeated by Awaba.

Cessnock is quite capable of stopping Adamstown's winning run but an Adamstown win appears the likely result.

## Vital Match at Speers Point

Lake Macquarie on level points with Adamstown meet Newcastle Australs at home on Sunday. To gain a semi-final place both require a win.

Lakes in recent weeks have handed in a mixture in results with a win over Wallsend, drawn matches with Awaba and Maitland and a

An interesting side-light to this match will be the duel between Bruce Morrow of Wallsend and Duilio Schio of Cardiff, both of whom have recorded 15 goals so far this season and are joint leaders.

Wallsends position on the premiership table entitles them to favouritism in this match but Cardiff with a repeat of last week's performance could win the points.

## Relegation Battle

The relegation struggle will be determined on Sunday. Two matches effect this issue, firstly the match be-

tween West Wallsend and Merewether at Johnston Park, West Wallsend and the second between Awaba and Maitland at Toronto.

Merewether appear in the worst position being 1 point behind Maitland and of course playing West Wallsend who defeated them 5 goals to 2 last weekend in a deferred match. This second half Merewether has experienced a run of outs, their only success being against Maitland several weeks ago. Since then they have been defeated by Cardiff, West Wallsend and Newcastle Australs.

West Wallsend cannot this match lightly as a win over Merewether keeps them in the premiership picture. Although well beaten by Cardiff 3 to nil last weekend they should have too many guns for Merewether.

The Awaba Maitland clash is also important to both sides.

Should Merewether take a point from West Wallsend then Maitland must do likewise because their goal average is not as imposing being only .615 the lowest in the competition. Awaba must win to ensure a premiership victory over Wallsend and West Wallsend.

Maitland's recent record has included defeat by Merewether and West Wallsend and a drawn match with Lake Macquarie. Awaba has drawn with Lake Macquarie been defeated by Wallsend and defeated Cessnock last weekend. On form Awaba should win this match but Maitland has been a determined opponent in recent fixtures and Awaba will need to be at their best.

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The statement by the Australian Soccer Federation that 17 players in the under 18 grade will tour Europe next year is welcomed most heartily by our Association.

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## "ALLOWRIE"

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of the senior clubs of the North.

Unfortunately for the code here in the North most clubs have persisted in retaining players who should have really used their boots for pot plants seasons ago.

Year after year young top liners go out of the game because they cannot get the much needed chance to show their worth in top teams.

Soccer is the only sport that Australia is not in world class.

The answer could really be that too many old players are keeping warm the positions that belong to youth.

## 2HD - Mick Simmons Best and Fairest

C. Almond, Cessnock 26;  
T. Garrett, Australs, 25; L.  
Sharp, Awaba, 21; R. Cooper,  
West Wallsend, 20; J.  
Wellham, Lake Macquarie,  
18.

## Sydney Morning Herald's

### Best and Fairest

Adamstown v. Wallsend  
3: A. Simmons, 2: J.  
McInally, 1: G. Green.

W. Wallsend v. Merewether  
(deferred game)

3: K. Kaiser, 2: D. Ahrens  
1: J. Kidd.

Cardiff v. West Wallsend  
3: D. Schio, 2: V. Vejnovic, 1: C. Moore.

New. Australs v. M'wether  
3: D. Harvey, 2: T.  
Garrett, 1: J. Doolan.

Awaba v. Cessnock  
3: R. Burgoyne, 2: B.  
Sharp, 1: T. Sneddon.

Maitland v. Lake Macquarie  
3: J. Meier, 2: H. Schneider, 1: K. O'Neill.

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## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

Results last weekend in the Second Division did not make a great deal of difference in the premiership table, other than Belmont-Swansea displaced Kearsley from the third position on goal average both teams being on equal points whilst Mayfield still retains a slender one point lead from Jesmond at the top of the table.

One would almost think a crystal ball had been used when the fixtures for the season were being drawn up as the four teams at the top of the table will meet in what will be the final series this weekend.

On Sunday Mayfield journey to Blacksmiths to meet Belmont-Swansea and this will be a match really worth watching as Mayfield only won by the odd goal in their 1-0 win meeting at Mayfield and the winning goal was only scored in the last few minutes of play.

With a ground advantage and the softer sandy loam of Blacksmiths Oval will be strange to Mayfield the home team could give the

leaders a shake and a defeat to Mayfield could mean losing the premiership and with it promotion to First Division in 1964.

A further attraction at this ground will be the early game in the reserve grade Mayfield is leading Belmont-Swansea by two points so that a win to the home team could put them level on points, but their goal average is better than that of Mayfield consequently they could finish up premiers.

Jesmond is at home to Kearsley and here one sees a rather peculiar situation in so far as Kearsley is concerned as depending upon the result of the previously mentioned match and of this game rests whether Kearsley will finish third or fourth.

At the previous meeting of these two teams Jesmond won by the only goal of the match and closely contested match can be expected again with Jesmond again possibly having a slight edge.

In the remaining fixtures Weston is at home to Young Wallsend, Concordia visits Pan Hellenic and Slavia

United will play Charles-Congratulations to Kahibah in winning the Third Division premiership for irrespective of the result of their match with Dudley-Redhead they cannot lose the premiership and promotion to Second Division next season.

It is rather a pity that we have to congratulate Kahibah at this stage as this is the only Major Division that has been determined prior to the last series.

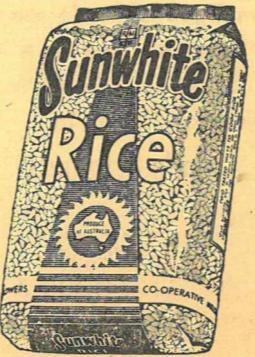
Despite this the class of football will not suffer and the supporters can be assured another hard closely contested match with possibly the run of the ball determining the ultimate winner. The defeat of Dudley-Redhead is rather surprising when one looks at the goals scored for and against of both teams for whilst Kahibah has scored eight more than Dudley-Redhead it has had nine more scored against it.

The remaining two semi-finalists Bellbird and Macquarie Wanderers would

By "TIKI"

appear safe from defeat as they play The Entrance and Newcastle Tech. respectively and should have no difficulty in winning.

The two remaining fixtures Toronto Diggers v. Barnsley and South Wallsend v. Nelsons Bay should provide interesting football to finish the season for these teams on a friendly sporting note.



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## REDUCE, NOT ADD TO NUMBER OF TEAMS

By B. N. SMIMMIT

With the end of the Northern Soccer League first division premiership at hand and several clubs fighting desperately to avoid relegation, there is again the suggestion that to save the status of the club which finishes last on points score table, the competition should be widened to embrace 12 clubs, with one coming from the eastern side of Lake Macquarie.

Perish the thought.

It would be a good thing for Soccer in the North as a whole, if there were a team in the Belmont-Swansea area

but a team from that area has to earn its place.

One does not readily forget that, when there was a chance of an already established team moving its headquarters to Belmont, there was great opposition and the idea had been scrapped. Yet, had that team been accepted, the area would have had a side in the first division premiership and development would have been a natural sequel with the Belmont-Swansea area reaping the benefit. But that is the way the subject under review is the suggestion that the Northern League should be widened so that its first division competition is comprised of 12 teams.

The Northern League should, in fact, be moving towards the day when there are only eight teams, instead of the present 10, in the competition. And the sooner that day comes, the better for the game in the north.

Soccer in Australia is undergoing such radical changes that, in many ways, it has to be reborn. And the North, which is proving so well that there is a wide and big following for the game must play its part. The best way to do that is to start and build up its areas. When one suggested there should be only eight teams to give a renewed foundation is not suggested there will never be more. The day might come, and soon, when there would be 12 clubs. But it would be well to halt for a space, take stock, establish the code on the most solid basis and then begin to build.

The suggestion that there should be 12 teams in the premiership should not be given a second thought. There are neither enough players of quality nor enough supporters to justify 12 teams. And one doubts there are enough top class ground to house them.

The North is doing a grand job in sponsoring the game. Don't reduce the standard which is rapidly rising by sharing it among more teams than the area can carry.

A real challenge could be issued that an under 18 selected side could match it with any senior team at present playing in the North.

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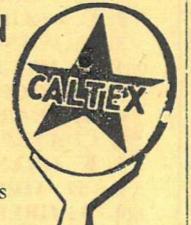
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